At the instance of the Government, all the six Indian institutes of management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode have decided that:

(i) The Institutes will ensure that no student faces any difficulty in pursuing education at the Institute for want of financial resources;

(ii) The fees charged by the Institutes in the year 2003-04 will be continued in the session starting June, 2004;

(iii) All the IIMs will provide a need-based financial assistance scheme to both the first and second year students;

(iv) All students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2 lakh and below, will be eligible for receiving financial assistance amounting upto full tuition fee waiver; and

(v) The IIMs will consider, in appropriate cases, supporting the students beyond the tuition fee waiver. Apart from the tuition fee, the expenditure by students on hostel and mess charges can also be waived.

The IIMs are empowered to take all the decisions regarding fee structure. Thus, they have taken a decision safeguarding interests of the meritorious poor students and also maintaining the teaching standards. The Government has accepted the said decision and withdrawn its orders dated 5th February, 2004 reducing the fees to Rs. 30,000/-, *vide* orders dated 29th June, 2004.

Deemed University status to educational institutions in Karnataka

206. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many educational institutions have been given status of Deemed University so far;

(b) out of these the number of such institutions in Karnataka;

(c) the number of applications for conferring Deemed University status sent to Government by the State Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to confer Deemed University status to the educational institutions as recommended by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) 90 educational institutions have been granted 'Deemed to be University' status so far, out of which six are located in Karnataka.

(c) One application in respect of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Bangalore for conferring 'Deemed to be University' status has been received from the Government of Karnataka.

(d) The proposals for grant of 'Deemed to be University status' are considered in consultation with University Grants Commission and other concerned statutory bodies like All India Council for Technical Education, Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India etc. Declaration of an Institution as 'Deemed to be University' is a statutory process done on fulfilment of the above requirements under the guidelines.

Allocation for education

207. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the allocation for education out of the total allocation for the First Five Year Plan; and

(b) the percentage of the allocation for education in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the Second Five Year Plan document of the Planning Commission, the percentage of the allocation for education out of the total allocation was about 6.96 per cent during the First Five Year Plan (1951—1956). According to their Tenth Five Year Plan Document, the percentage of Central Plan Outlay for the Department of Secondary and Higher Education and the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy to the total Central Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—2007) Outlay is about 4.91 per cent.

Girls education

208. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the UNICEF annual report